bank branches was of the value of Rs. 2.44 crores during the period from April, 2004 to March, 2005. The quantity of fake Indian currency notes is miniscule as compared to total value of notes in circulation.

(b) and (c) As per available information, fake currency is injected into circulation by local counterfeiters as well as by external agencies who smuggle fake Indian currency notes into India through various routes.

(d) To curb circulation of fake currency notes in the country, Government has taken a number of steps which include stepping up of vigilance by the Border Security Force/Custom authorities to prevent smuggling of fake currency notes into the country, training and sensitisation of law enforcing agencies, dissemination of information of security features through print and electronic media for the benefit of public, etc. Further, based on the recommendations of the High Level Committee, some additional security features have been approved for incorporation in the Indian Bank notes which will make counterfeiting extremely difficult.

Educational loans to Kerala

1629. PROF. P.J. KURIAN:
SHRI A. VIJAYARAGHAVAN:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of applications received for educational loans in the nationalised banks in the State of Kerala, during last three years;

(b) the number of loans sanctioned and the total amount, bank-wise, district-wise, year-wise and category-wise;

(c) the number of applications pending; and

(d) the reasons of such pendency, if any?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI S.S. PALANIMANICKAM): (a) and (b) According to the information furnished by Canara Bank, the Convener, State Level Bankers' Committee for Kerala, the bank-wise details of number of applications received, loans sanctioned and total amount under educational loan during the last three years by public sector banks in the State of Kerala are given in the Statement (*See* below). Canara Bank as reported that the data generating system (Management Information System) of banks does not provide district-wise and category-wise information.

Statement

Bank-wise details of number of applications received, loans sanctioned and amount disbursed under educational loan by Public Sector Banks in Kerala during the last three years

(Rs. in lakhs)

Sl. No.	Name of Bank	2002-03			2003-04			2004-05			During 2005-06 upto June,05		
		Loan Appln. Recd.	Loans Sanctioned No.	Amount	Loan Appln. Recd.	Loans Sanctioned No.	Amount	Loan Appln. Recd.	Loans Sanctioned No.	Amount	Loan Appln. Recd.	Loan Sanctioned No.	Amount
1.	Bank of Baroda	384	384	866.76	469	469	922.62	443	443	965.38	78	78	231.50
2.	Bank of India	224	224	442.00	496	496	988.00	564	564	977.00	144	144	453.00
3.	Canara Bank	4452	4438	4348.96	6842	6815	4855.95	8979	8979	5774.78	1406	1406	783.00
4.	Central Bank of India	88	87	226.93	165	145	346.46	329	302	550.92	42	31	53.74
5.	Corporation Bank	125	123	249.60	163	160	292.80	258	252	470.40	67	67	114.20
6.	Dena Bank	14	14	15.79	36	36	65.15	33	33	74.77	6	3	9.81
7.	Indian Bank	162	162	285.00	186	186	369.00	726	726	1560.90	61	61	182.50
8.	Indian Overseas Bank	581	552	1023.33	893	848	1506.27	1210	1173	2247.68	152	147	191.97
9.	Punjab National Bank	102	102	165.10	334	334	553.66	642	642	1036.24	160	160	233.73
10.	Punjab & Sind Bank	26	26	39.55	15	15	35.01	7	7	17.62	9	9	22.89
11.	Syndicate Bank	340	329	450.00	1106	1057	1240.00	1501	1484	1843.00	235	214	256.00
12.	Union Bank of India	444	423	835.56	573	546	1164.43	1445	1403	2027.53	344	337	433.42
13.	UCO Bank	66	66	111.61	88	88	197.70	103	103	202.06	17	17	43.30
14.	Vijaya Bank	162	162	282.07	190	190	451.75						
15.	State Bank of India	1073	1073	3219.00	1097	1097	3840.00	2067	2067	7234.00	300	300	1865.00
16.	State Bank of Bik. & Jaipur	9	9	14.00	10	10	15.00	9	9	31.00	2	2	8.00
17.	State Bank of Mysore	0	0	0.00	54	54	68.00	81	81	76.00	7	7	11.00
18.	State Bank of Hyderabad	3	3	2.71	5	5	12.00	10	10	19.71	6	6	17.05
19.	State Bank of Travancore	4650	4650	7765.00	5297	5297	10435.00	9847	9847	13668.00	1649	1649	3120.00
	TOTAL	12905	12827	20342.97	18019	17848	27358.80	28254	28125	38776.99	4685	4636	8030.11

(c) No pendency has been reported as per the information given by the Canara Bank.

(d) Does not arise.

Tax DGP ratio

1630. SHRI BALAVANT alias BAL APTE:
SHRI KRIPAL PARMAR:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the tax GDP ratio is very low in our country as compared to other developing countries;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government propose to take measures to increase this ratio; and

(d) if so, the measures proposed to be taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI S.S. PALANIMANICKAM): (a) and (b) The tax-GDP ratios of the Central Government of select developing countries, including India as given in the World Bank document 'World Development Indicators' are as under:

Tax revenue as per cent of GDP

Country	2001	2002	2003
Argentina	12.5	12.5	9.4
Bangladesh	7.0	—	8.1
China	6.8	—	8.3
Colombia	10.8	—	13.9
India	10.0	9.9	9.1
Indonesia	13.2	13.6	13.0
Mexico	13.2	13.2	—
Pakistan	12.4	12.9	10.9
Sri Lanka	14.6	14.5	14.0
Thailand	14.5	14.4	15.4

Source: World Bank—World Development Indicators, various issues.